

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
IN REORGANIZATION SESSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 19 76

CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne met in the Council Chambers
Monday evening January 5 A.D., 19 76, in Reorganization
Session. Charles W. Westerman, Clerk, in the chair, and
Natka Eshcoff, Council Secretary, at the desk, present the following
members viz:
Burns ✓, Hinga ✓, Hunter ✓
Moses ✓, Nuckols ✓, Donald Schmidt ✓
Vivian Schmidt ✓, Stier ✓, Talarico ✓
Absent SP 1-12
Councilmen , ,
 , ,

Reverend C. Corydon Randall, Trinity Episcopal Parish
The invocation was given by Charles W. Westerman - City Clerk

Received report from the City Controller for the month of ,
19 . Motion made and carried that report be made a matter of record and
placed on file.

The minutes of the last regular , 19 ,
special , 19 ,

Session having been delivered to the Council, were, on motion, approved and
published.

CALL, CONSENT AND WAIVER OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
WAYNE, INDIANA, TO BE HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1976,
at 7:00 O'CLOCK, P.M., E.S.T.

We, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby call a special meeting of said Council to be held on Monday, January 5, 1976, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., E.S.T., and jointly and severally waive notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting and consent that same be held on the aforesaid date for the exclusive purpose of considering and acting upon the organization of said Council for the year 1976 as required by law. This meeting is to be held within the City Council Chambers, City County Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

James L. Stuer

O. Schmidt

Fredrick B. Kuytes

John J. Molo

W. J. Burns

W. H. W. W. W. W.

Samuel J. Talaris

Vivian J. Schmidt

William T. Amiga

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1975

Charles W. Westerman
Charles W. Westerman
City Clerk

MADE A MATTER OF RECORD
DATE 1-13-76 CHARLES W. WESTERMAN, CITY CLERK



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

JAMES S. STIER
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
SIXTH DISTRICT

January 4, 1976

THE COMMON COUNCIL IN 1976

The Common Council approaches the New Year in a spirit of humility but with a deep sense of determination. The Council is conscious of a greater responsibility than ever before.

The New Year presents opportunities to do many constructive things. We face the next twelve months (indeed, the next four years) in a positive manner.

There is no room for negativity in government; there is no room for negativity in our lives.

Positive concepts, positive deliberations and positive actions on the part of the Council will permit the City to continue to prosper, just as it has in the past four years.

These are not idle words--our pursuit must be through positive channels.

I am distressed when it is said that the Council and the new Mayor will be in one continuous battle.

It need not be that way. I do not believe it will be.

Both bodies of city government must work together, or they achieve nothing; the people become the losers.

Of course, there will be differences, there always are. The role of the Council is to question and to probe; not to rubber-stamp the Executive branch.

The Council has challenged in the past and it will do so in the future.

Perhaps, as a result of last November's election, the constituency has indicated that it wants more of a challenge and more of a balance of power.

IN CONTROL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND ONE

By placing one party in control of the Legislative, perhaps the people feel that they will achieve more from a check and balance system.

Be that as it may, the people have chosen eight elected officials from one party and three from the other. At this point they could care less who is Republican and who is Democrat.

They do care, however, about a lot of other things. The people care about a responsive and responsible city administration and city council.

People have a high expectancy today and rightly so. They do not want a "caretaker" type of Government. They want a vigorous progressive Mayor and Council.

This Council will be that vigorous body!

The programs begun the past few years received the support of the people and the Council. We trust that these programs will be continued and expanded.

I address myself to just a few:

(1) Community Development

All the aspects of neighborhood care and neighborhood preservation must have a high priority. The four impact areas must be expanded into additional areas. We must get the neighborhoods into government, and the government bureaucracy must be brought into neighborhoods. Neighborhood associations must continue to develop. They must be encouraged.

(2) Downtown Development

This is vital to the entire city's growth. The private sector must make more contributions. But the administration must provide the leadership. The Council will do its part.

(3) Community Planning

Hopefully we will see annexation with adjacent growth and the protection of agricultural lands. We encourage the city-county liaison through joint Planning Commission meetings.

(4) Public Works Projects

Visitors to our city have told us that Fort Wayne has been changing. The remarkable programs of the last two years in N.P.I., street construction, curbs and sidewalks, and street lighting have made a vast difference. These programs must be continued and built upon. The long-range capital improvements planning just begun by CD&P should continue so that public works can conform to future city needs.

(5) The search for federal funds and federal aid must be expanded. The city alone cannot muster enough of its own resources to provide its citizens with the services and quality of life they deserve. The tax dollars that go to Washington must be returned to our community. We must be vigorous in our pursuit of these funds. The Council will take a special note of the activity, or lack of activity, in this particular effort.

Other programs are essential also:

(6) Continued explorations of ways to eliminate patronage employment. City jobs should be subject to uniform standards of qualifications. (A striking example is the new merit system planned for the Fire Department.)

(7) A greater commitment to the safety of the city.

(8) More support for public transportation operations.

(9) Effective animal control.

(10) More minority employment in city government, EMS, Police, Fire, and other Departments.

And last but not least--

(11) Management understanding and cooperation with the seven unions established within the framework of the city structure.

We urge the continuance of these programs--and the amplification of them. We will also welcome those constructive and progressive programs to be developed by the new administration.

We hope that the administration will meet frequently with the council and will keep the council advised as to its plans and programs.

With good communication from the Mayor's office, Council will be better able to understand the administration's intentions and thus better evaluate the programs that come to it.

I think that all of this reflects a positive attitude on the part of the Council and a heightened sensitivity demanded by the community. It should be recognized that the Council will be energetic, determined, and deliberate.

We ask God's blessing on our work.

James S. Stier, President
COMMON COUNCIL OF FORT WAYNE

ELECTION OF REORGANIZATION

DULY NOMINATED AND SECONDED FOR THE OFFICE OF *Noted Human Relations* IN THIS
 JANUARY 5, 1976 FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
 WAYNE, INDIANA. *Stier - Hinga*

NAME	<i>Stier Michel</i>					
	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS
BURNS	<i>6</i>					
HINGA	<i>X</i>					
HUNTER						
MOSES	<i>X</i>					
NUCKOLS	<i>X</i>					
D. SCHMIDT	<i>X</i>					
V. SCHMIDT	<i>X</i>					
STIER	<i>X</i>					
TALARICO	<i>X</i>					

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more make Hunter - Moses

more nominations -

THIS ELECTION WAS HELD ACCORDING TO (BURNS' 48-1403).

ATTESTED BY:

CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
 CITY CLERK

ELECTION OF REORGANIZATION

DULY NOMINATED AND SECONDED FOR THE OFFICE OF
JANUARY 5, 1976 FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
WAYNE, INDIANA.

Metro Human Relations
Burns - J. Schmidt

NAME	<i>Hunter</i>					
	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS
BURNS	X					
HINGA						
HUNTER	X					
MOSES						
NUCKOLS						
D. SCHMIDT	X					
V. SCHMIDT						
STIER						
TALARICO						

Checked
Hinga & Moses

THIS ELECTION WAS HELD ACCORDING TO (BURNS' 48-1403).

ATTESTED BY:

CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
CITY CLERK

ELECTION OF REORGANIZATION

DULY NOMINATED AND SECONDED FOR THE OFFICE OF *Johnny Oppenheimer* IN THIS
JANUARY 5, 1976 FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
WAYNE, INDIANA. *Hinga & E. Schmidt*

NAME	<i>Dolmado</i>					
	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS
BURNS	X					
HINGA	X					
HUNTER	X					
MOSES	X					
NUCKOLS	X					
D. SCHMIDT	A					
V. SCHMIDT						
STIER						
TALARICO						

un - Hinga - Moses

THIS ELECTION WAS HELD ACCORDING TO (BURNS' 48-1403).

ATTESTED BY:

CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
CITY CLERK

ELECTION OF REORGANIZATION

DULY NOMINATED AND SECONDED FOR THE OFFICE OF City Clerk IN THIS
 JANUARY 15, 1976 FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
 WAYNE, INDIANA. J. Schmidt - Hinga
Seconded

NAME	<u>John Puchat</u>					
	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS
BURNS						
HINGA						
HUNTER						
MOSES						
NUCKOLS						
D. SCHMIDT						
V. SCHMIDT						
STIER						
TALARICO						

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were roll call

THIS ELECTION WAS HELD ACCORDING TO (BURNS' 48-1403).

ATTESTED BY:

CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
 CITY CLERK

ELECTION OF REORGANIZATION

DULY NOMINATED AND SECONDED FOR THE OFFICE OF *Vice-President* IN THIS
 JANUARY 5, 1976 FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
 WAYNE, INDIANA. *Hinga - V. Schmidt*

NAME	<i>P. Salinas</i>					
	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS
BURNS	X					
HINGA	X					
HUNTER	X					
MOSES	X					
NUCKOLS	X					
D. SCHMIDT	A					
V. SCHMIDT	X					
STIER	X					
TALARICO	X					

MOVED Burns - Hinga

THIS ELECTION WAS HELD ACCORDING TO (BURNS' 48-1403).

ATTESTED BY:

CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
 CITY CLERK

ELECTION OF REORGANIZATION

DULY NOMINATED AND SECONDED FOR THE OFFICE OF President IN THIS
JANUARY 5, 1976 FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT
WAYNE, INDIANA.

V. Schmidt Seconded Burns

NAME	<u>Stier</u>					
	AYES	9-1 NAYS	AYES	NAYS	AYES	NAYS
BURNS	X					
HINGA	X					
HUNTER	X					
MOSES	X					
NUCKOLS	X					
D. SCHMIDT	A					
V. SCHMIDT	X					
STIER	X					
TALARICO	X					

Stier
none - Nuckols - Seconded by
Moses

all - V. Schmidt - Hinga

THIS ELECTION WAS HELD ACCORDING TO (BURNS' 48-1403).

ATTESTED BY:

CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
CITY CLERK

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

I, Charles W. Westerman, Clerk of the City of Fort Wayne and Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, hereby request the respective body on this day of January 5, 1976 to ratify the appointment of John H. Logan, Attorney-at-Law, as the Council's Attorney at this session being held for the 1976 Re-organization of the Common Council.

ATTEST:

*CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
CITY CLERK*

dated this day

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

I, Charles W. Westerman, Clerk of the City of Fort Wayne and Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, hereby request the respective body on this day of January 5, 1976 to ratify the appointments of Jerry Mungovan - Sgt-of-Arms, Sam Revett- Assistant Sgt-of-Arms and Steve Burger - Assistant Sgt-of-Arms, at this session being held for the 1976 Reorganization of the Common Council.

ATTEST:

CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
CITY CLERK

DATED THIS DAY

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

I, Charles W. Westerman, Clerk of the City of Fort Wayne and Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, hereby request the respective body on this day of January 5, 1976 to ratify the appointments of Vivian G. Schmidt, Winfield C. Moses, Jr. and Donald J. Schmidt for the Fire Department Merit System Committee, at this session being held for the 1976 Reorganization of the Common Council.

ATTEST:

CHARLES W. WESTERMAN
CITY CLERK

DATED THIS DAY

The Council then adjourned.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected, acting and incumbent City Clerk of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana and as such the custodian of the records of the Common Council of said City and that the above and foregoing is the true, full and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana for its Reorganization Session, held on Monday the 5th day of January, 1976; that the numbered ordinances and resolutions shown therein were duly adopted by said Common Council on said date and were presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne and were signed and approved or disapproved by said Mayor as and on the dates shown as to each such ordinance and resolution respectively; and that all such records, proceedings, ordinances and resolutions remain on file and record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, this 5th day of January, 1976.

Charles W. Westerman
City Clerk

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